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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Reconnaissance Group, IRS/DDI

SUBJECT : Overhead Imagery as a Source of Strategic Warning on China

REFERENCE : Working Paper dated 26 January 1970, Subject, Same as Above, DDI/IRS 434-70

The following comments are provided in response to your request on reference document:

1. On pages 7, 11 and 13 it is established that Airborne Systems are used for coverage of South China areas and will be necessary until development of "near-real-time photographic coverage systems".
2. Paragraph 3, page 14, of Conclusions implies that earliest date for an operational near-real-time system will be the mid-1970's (and possibly later, considering past developmental history).
3. In view of 1. and 2. above, recommend that Conclusions, page 13, be amended to establish Airborne Systems as a continuing requirement for the collection of strategic information on Communist China, until such time as some other means, such as a real-time photographic satellite, is available and in operation.

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